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ON MASS SPECTROMETRY OR MASS
SEPARATION AND BASE SPECIFIC CLEAVAGE **Dated:** July 28, 2003

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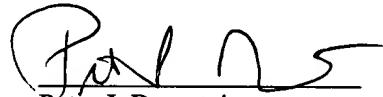
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2003 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicants submit the following amendment for entry in the above-identified case.

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